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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the helpful and productive telephonic interview conducted on April 2, 2004. The outstanding Office Action states Claims 3-29, 31 and 33-45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Pursuant to the discussions of the above-described Interview, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to re-consider Claims 1, 2, 30 and 32 and to find them allowable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 3-29, 31 and 33-45 are also allowable.

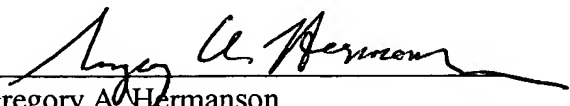
Any claim amendments which are not specifically discussed in the above remarks are not made for patentability purposes, and it is believed that the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such amendments. Rather, these amendments have only been made to increase claim readability, to improve grammar, and to reduce the time and effort required of those in the art to clearly understand the scope of the claim language. Furthermore, any new claims presented above are of course intended to avoid the prior art, but are not intended as replacements or substitutes of any cancelled claims. They are simply additional specific statements of inventive concepts described in the application as originally filed.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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